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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

RALEIGH, December 1, 1916.

To His Excellency, LOCKE CRAIG,

Governor.

Sir:—I have the honor to submit herewith to you a report concerning the Department of State for the two years ending November 30, 1916, and to request you to transmit the same to the General Assembly.

PUBLIC LANDS

There have been issued from the office of the Secretary of State within the past two years 149 grants of public lands, on which account there has been paid into the State Treasury \$5,893.88. These grants were as follows, for the year ending:

	Nov. 30, 1915	Nev. 30, 1916
Regular grants	88	52
Cherokee grants	2	3
Oyster grants	3	1
	93	56

The regular grants were in the following counties:

	1915	1916
Alleghany	1	
Ashe	3	4
Bladen		1
Burke	5	2
Cabarrus		1
Caldwell	1	2

	1915	1916
Carteret	2	
Cherokee	1	
Clay	2	
Columbus	2	1
Dare	2	1
Durham	1	
Graham	6	3
Harnett	2	
Henderson	1	
Hyde	1	
Jackson	2	3
Jones	1	
Macon	11	5
McDowell	3	2
Mitchell	2	3
Montgomery	4	1
Moore	2	4
New Hanover	1	2
Onslow		1
Pamlico	·1	2
Pender	1	
Perquimans		1
Polk	2	
Randolph	2	
Richmond	2	1
Rockingham	1	
Rutherford	1	1
Scotland	4	1
Stanly		1
Surry		1
Swain	6	3
Transylvania	1	2
Union	2	1
Watauga	3	1
Wilkes	6	1
	88	52

The following is a table of grants issued since 1882:

Number grants issued two years ending November 30, 1882, 1,189;	
amounts paid Treasurer\$	10,912.87
Number grants issued two years ending November 30, 1884, 1,329;	
amounts paid Treasurer	13,186.73
Number grants issued two years ending November 30, 1886, 990;	
amounts paid Treasurer	5,975.69
Number grants issued two years ending November 30, 1888, 893;	
amounts paid Treasurer	9,493.49

Number grants issued two years ending November 30, 1890, 1,453; amounts paid Treasurer	\$15.570.43
Number grants issued two years ending November 30, 1892, 1,358; amounts paid Treasurer	16,831.11
Number grants issued two years ending November 30, 1894, 703;	5,200.73
amounts paid Treasurer	,
amounts paid Treasurer	9,234.46
amounts paid Treasurer	6,337.13
amounts paid Treasurer	6,384.69
amounts paid Treasurer	6,911.88
amounts paid Treasurer	11,230.60
amounts paid Treasurer	16,511.47
Number grants issued two years ending November 30, 1908, 529; amounts paid Treasurer	16,025.49
Number grants issued two years ending November 30, 1910, 317; amounts paid Treasurer	9,695.85
Number grants issued two years ending November 30, 1912, 255; amounts paid Treasurer	13,349.25
Number grants issued two years ending November 30, 1914, 300;	
amounts paid Treasurer	
amounts paid Treasurer	5,893.88

GRANTS INDEXED

The General Assembly of 1915 continued the appropriation of \$1,500 a year for establishing a card index system for grants, and to arrange and change the method of filing warrants, plats and surveys in the office of the Secretary of State. All the regular grants have been finished and we are now at work upon the military warrants and grants. The work should be finished in the spring of 1917.

This rearrangement, indexing, etc., has been a task of great magnitude, and its value is almost inestimable.

The appropriations for this work have been as follows:

For the years	1909 an	d 1910	3,000.00
For the years	1911 an	d 1912	3,000.00
For the years	1913 an	d 1914	3,000.00
For the years	1915 an	d 1916	3,000.00

The expenditure for clerical help on this work for the years 1915 and 1916 was as follows:

Miss Sophy Grimes\$	898.00
Mrs. M. B. Syme	542.00
Miss M. C. Turner	309.70
Miss A. C. Bledsoe	753.90
Miss Addie Bagwell	23.00
Miss Mamie Stanley	16.00
J. Winder Bryan	145.00
V. W. Kimball	20.00
Arthur Brimley	5.00

\$2,712.60

SUPREME COURT REPORTS

Within the past two years twenty-one volumes of the Supreme Court Reports have been annotated and reprinted.* Twenty-four additional volumes have been annotated, fourteen of which are now in the hands of the State Printer, and ten are in the hands of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing to be reprinted.

The sale of Reports for the last two fiscal years has been:

For	the year	ending	November	30,	1915\$7,427.79
For	the year	ending	November	30,	1916

The sales of Reports for the past few years have been as follows:

Two	years	ending	November	30,	1882\$	3,352.40
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1884	4,626.90
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1886	3,253.00
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1888	3,762.49
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1890	4,002.02
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1892	2,618.01
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1894	621.12
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1896	6,026.89
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1898	5,759.55
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1900	7,692.59
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1902	7,026.89
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1904	9,842.25
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1906	15,034.54
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1908	14,661.74
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1910	17,482.00
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1912	17,031.55
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1914	17,848.79
Two	years	ending	November	30,	1916	14,161.64
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^{*}Three of the volumes reprinted during the past two years were burned. Of these No. 24 has been reprinted, No. 26 is now in the hands of the Commissioner of Labor and Printing and is ready for the State Printer, and No. 53 is in the hands of the State Printer.

On November 6, 1915, the Uzzell Building, in which were stored many Supreme Court Reports, was destroyed by fire. In this fire were burned 47,161 volumes of Supreme Court Reports and about 20,000 volumes of Laws and miscellaneous books belonging to the State. The value of these Supreme Court Reports and other books was more than \$80,000.

In addition to the books above mentioned, there were many miscellaneous papers and much property, etc., belonging to the State that were destroyed.

The last General Assembly was strongly urged to provide a fire-proof storage warehouse for these books and other State property. In the basement of the new State Building are now stored all the Supreme Court Reports, about 84,000 volumes, and about 1,800 volumes of Laws belonging to the State. These books are so crowded on the floor for want of proper space that it is almost impossible to keep up with them accurately, and care for and protect them as they should be cared for. All of this space is greatly needed by the State Library, which is now using part of this basement. The Department of State needs at least 15,000 feet of floor space to properly care for the property of the State now in the custody of that department which cannot be housed in the Capitol. The Adjutant General's and other departments are renting warehouses and rooms in unsuitable and inconvenient places in the city.

As I said in my last report, "I would urge the purchase of a spacious lot and the crection of a modern, commodious warehouse for the safe keeping of these books and other State property. This is a necessity, and would also be an economy."

CORPORATIONS

There have been 1,888 certificates of domestic corporations filed in the office of the Secretary of State for the past two years, on which \$38,673.35 as organization, amendment, and dissolution taxes have been paid.

The dissolutions have been as follows:

For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1915	258
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1916	242

The following is a table of corporation certificates filed since 1893:

For the year	ar ending	November	30,	1893	21
				1894	115
For the year	ar ending	November	30,	1895	133

For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1896	151
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1897	147
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1898	156
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1899	207
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1900	306
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1901	327
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1902	395
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1903	554
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1904	540
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1905	697
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1906	821
For	the	year	ending	${\bf November}$	30,	1907	839
						1908	763
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1909	1,050
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1910	1,058
For	the	year	ending	${\bf November}$	30,	1911	985
		-	_			1912	1,093
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1913	1,032
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1914	1,087
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1915	887
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1916	1,001
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paid.

For	the year	ending	November	30,	1915	41
For	the year	ending	November	30,	1916	59

TRADE-MARKS

For the two years ending November 30, 1916, 46 trade-marks have been registered.

For the year	r ending I	November	30,	1915	18
For the year	r ending l	November	30,	1916	28

BANKS

Forty banks have filed certificates in this office within the last two years.

For the year	ending	November	30,	1915	13
For the year	ending	November	30.	1916	27

RAILROADS

The following railroads have filed certificates in this office since my last report:

December 1, 1914, to November 30, 1915:

Linville River Railway Company (amendment).

Kinston Belt Line Company.

Rutherford and Western Railway Company.

Carolina Atlantic and Western Railway and Charleston Southern Railway (merger).

Carolina Atlantic and Western Railway (amendment).

Seaboard Air Line Railway and Carolina Atlantic and Western Railway (merger).

December 1, 1915, to November 30, 1916:

Alarka Valley Railway Company.

Shelby Northern Railway Company.

Black Mountain Railway Company (amendment).

Duplin Railroad Company.

Toxaway Western Railroad Company.

Linville River Railway Company (amendment).

AUTOMOBILES

Number of automobiles registered prior to December 1, 1910	2,018
Number registered from December 1, 1910, to November 30, 1911	1,686
Number registered from December 1, 1911, to November 30, 1912	2,402

Under the automobile law enacted in 1913 an annual registration of all motor vehicles is required, which registration year ends on June 30th. Under this law registrations have been as follows:

For the year ending June 30, 1914.	11,389
For the year ending June 30, 1915	16,305
For the year ending June 30, 1916	24,363

MOTORCYCLES

For the year ending June 30, 1914.	1,146
For the year ending June 30, 1915	1,426
For the year ending June 30, 1916.	1,547

DEALERS

For the year ending June 30, 1914	160
For the year ending June 30, 1915	251
For the year ending June 30, 1916	346

The amounts collected for registrations, transfers, etc., have been as follows:

For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1911	3 11,181.00
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1912	16,462.00
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1913	65,901.00
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1914	98,046.32
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1915	127,076.05
For	the	year	ending	November	30,	1916	206,101.15

For the automobile registration year ending June 30, 1917, there have been registered from July 1 to November 30, 33,904 automobiles, an increase of more than 9,500 machines for the five months over the total number of registrations for the previous year.

The fees collected for registrations, transfers, ctc., for the automobile registration year ending June 30, 1915, amounted to \$95,288.54; for the year ending June 30, 1916, \$135,783.65. Eighty per cent of the amount collected for registration from each county was refunded to that county by the State Treasurer for the road fund, in compliance with the provisions of the law. There are some few registrations by nonresident owners. The amount collected for nonresident registrations is paid into the State Treasury, and no part of it is refunded to any county. The amount collected for the year ending June 30, 1917, for the five months period beginning July 1st to November 30th, was \$191,685.20.

The registration fees under the new law are \$5, \$7.50, and \$10 annually for automobiles; \$2 for motorcycles, and \$10 for demonstrating licenses. The transfer fee is \$2. From March 1st to June 30th of each year only one-half the regular registration fee is charged.

Indexes are carefully kept in the office, both numerically and alphabetically, of the registered owners of all automobiles, and any information regarding registrations is available at all times.

The clerical expense incident to the automobile work for the past two years has been as follows:

For the year ending November 30, 1915:

J. E. Sawyer\$	500.00
Miss Minnie Bagwell	800.00
Miss Mamie Turner	234.00
Miss A. C. Bledsoe	155.00
Mrs. M. B. Syme	162.50
Miss Ruth Norwood	48.00
Miss Nan Lacy	94.00
Miss Vivian Betts	86.00
Miss Gertrude Gunter	105.00
Miss Frances Lacy	90.00
Miss Rebecca Norwood	36.00
Miss Mamie Avent	36.00
Bryce Little	300.00
V. W. Kimball	60.00

For the year ending November 30, 1916:

Miss Minnie Bagwell	.\$1,200.00
Miss Mamie Turner	477.50
Miss A. C. Bledsoe	230.00
Mrs. M. B. Syme	287.50
Miss Rebecca Norwood	. 190.00
Miss Mamie Avent	164.00
Miss Frances Lacy	64.00
Miss Nan Lacy	
Miss Ruth Norwood	104.00
Mrs. C. L. Haynes	405.00
Mrs. R. Y. McAden	44.00
Miss Mamie Stanley	44.00
A. L. Fleming.	450.00
V. W. Kimball	177.50
J. W. McIntosh	135.00
Bryce Little	300,00
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\$4,332.50

PAYMENTS TO TREASURER

	1915	1916
Automobiles	\$127,076.05	\$206,101.15
Corporations (organization tax)	17,282.35	21,391.00
Corporation Statements	102.00	************
Corporations (foreign)	1,955.00	3,902.00
Corporations (seals)	1,037.50	1,257.00
Corporations (fees)	2,421.55	2,937.85
Fees	1,290.55	939.25
Seals	764.50	349.00
Supreme Court Reports	7,427.79	6,733.85
Laws and Journals	747.38	183.25
Miscellaneous	273.06	68.14
Trade-marks	63.40	85.70
Land grant fees	64.80	36.80
Postage	15.40	9.80
Land grants		1,169.42

\$165,245.79 \$245,164.21

Note.—The amounts of money received by this Department (except for entries of vacant lands) are paid to the Treasurer as of the first of the month following the month in which they are collected, and so appear in his accounts. For instance, money received by the Secretary of State for November, and entered in the November accounts of this office, appears in the December accounts of the Treasurer, and so for the other months of the year.

On March 23, 1915, Mr. George W. Norwood died. He had been in the service of the State since 1901. His faithfulness to every duty, his fidelity to every trust, his loyalty to every interest of the State, and his zeal in promoting every activity of the Department of State, eannot be too highly praised. His death was a real loss to the State, and a deep bereavement to thousands of friends and admirers in all parts of North Carolina.

Mr. Norwood was succeeded by Mr. E. G. Sherrill, who, on January 1, 1916, was succeeded by Mr. A. D. Dupree, who remained in this office until August 1, 1916. Both of these gentlemen resigned to accept more lucrative appointments. On August 1, 1916, Mr. Frank W. Brown, of Pitt County, accepted the position of Grant Clerk, which place he now holds.

On April 15, 1915, Mr. Joseph E. Sawyer was appointed Corporation Clerk to succeed Mr. W. S. Wilson, who resigned that place to accept the position of Legislative Reference Librarian, to which he had been elected by the North Carolina Historical Commission.

The Department of State has been fortunate in securing the work and coöperation of faithful, conscientions, and capable assistants, and I desire to take this occasion to acknowledge their ability, their loyalty to this department, and their help to me. I further wish to thank them for their efficient service to the State.

Secretary of State











